APOCALYPTIC
HORSEPLAY
BY BOREDMAN

IN THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ, THE WIZARD WAS ACTUALLY JUST A COMMON MAN.

A TINY, WRINKLY OLD MAN WHO WAS VERY GOOD AT LYING.

HE WAS A BALLOONIST FROM OMAHA, WHOSE BALLOON HAD GOTTEN LOST ABOVE THE CLOUDS AND CARRIED AWAY TO A FAR AWAY LAND.

UPON HIS ARRIVAL, THE PEOPLE OF THIS LAND ASSUMED HE WAS A GREAT WIZARD DESCENDING FROM THE CLOUDS.

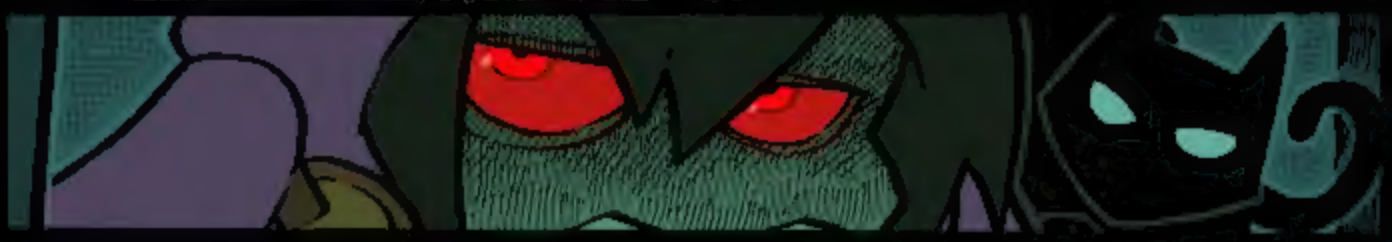
HE DECIDED TO LET THEM BELIEVE THAT.

AS A RESULT, EVERYONE WAS AFRAID OF HIM, AND PROMISED TO DO WHATEVER HE ASKED.

THE BALLOONIST DECIDED TO PUT HIS NEW POWER TO THE TEST, AND ORDERED THEM TO BUILD HIM A GREAT CITY WITH A BEAUTIFUL PALACE.

WHICH THEY DID.

HE CALLED IT EMERALD CITY, AND PUT GREEN SPECTACLES ON EVERYONE IN IT SO EVERYTHING WOULD LOOK GREEN TO THEM.



AFTER THAT, HE LOCKED HIMSELF UP IN HIS PALACE, AND EVERYONE FORGOT WHAT HE EVEN LOOKED LIKE.

THE PEOPLE OF EMERALD CITY STARTED TO BELIEVE THE CITY REALLY WAS GREEN AS AN EMERALD. AND THAT IT WAS THE ALL POWERFUL WIZARD WHO HAD BUILT IT WITH HIS MAGIC.

THE WIZARD OF OZ WAS NOW FEARED THROUGHOUT THE LAND. EVEN BY THE WITCHES WHO ACTUALLY HAD MAGIC POWERS.

THE WIZARD WAS AFRAID HOWEVER AFRAID THE WICKED WITCHES MIGHT EVENTUALLY REALIZE HE WAS A FAKE AND DESTROY HIS CITY.

SO WHEN A LITTLE GIRL NAMED DOROTHY FINALLY KILLED ONE. HE SAW AN OPPORTUNITY TO GET RID OF THE OTHER AS WELL.

DOROTHY HAD THREE FRIENDS. A SCARECROW WHO WANTED A BRAIN, A TIN WOODMAN WHO NEEDED A HEART, AND A LION WHO LACKED COURAGE.

THE FAKE WIZARD USED VENTRILOQUISM AND DISGUISES TO APPEAR BEFORE THEM.

FIRST AS A GIANT HEAD, THEN A BEAUTIFUL WINGED LADY, THEN A TERRIBLE BEAST WITH FIVE EYES, FIVE ARMS AND FIVE LEGS, AND FINALLY, AS A BALL OF FIRE.

HAVING CONVINCED THEM OF HIS POWER, HE PROMISED THEM EVERYTHING THEY ASKED FOR IN RETURN FOR KILLING THE ONE REMAINING WITCH.

WHICH THEY RELUCTANTLY DID.

WHEN THEY RETURNED TO CLAIM THEIR REWARDS, THEY REALIZED HE WASN'T A REAL WIZARD, AND THE OLD MAN BEGGED THEM TO KEEP HIS SECRET.

BUT DOROTHY AND HER FRIENDS STILL WANTED THE REWARDS HE PROMISED THEM.

HE TRIED TELLING THE SCARECROW HE DIDN'T NEED ANY BRAIN, ONLY EXPERIENCE.

BUT THE SCARECROW WANTED BRAIN ANYWAY, SO THE WIZARD FILLED HIS HEAD WITH BRAN, PINS AND NEEDLES.

HE TOLD THE TIN WOODMAN HE REALLY DIDN'T NEED A HEART. BUT THE TIN MAN INSISTED.

SO THE WIZARD INSERTED A SILK HEART STUFFED WITH SAWDUST IN HIS CHEST.

HE TOLD THE LION HE HAD PLENTY OF COURAGE ALREADY, AND JUST LACKED CONFIDENCE.

BUT THE LION STILL WANTED COURAGE, SO THE WIZARD GAVE HIM SOMETHING TO DRINK, CLAIMING IT WOULD TURN TO COURAGE ONCE IT WAS INSIDE HIM.

THEY ALL KNEW HE WASN'T A REAL WIZARD, BUT THEY CHOSE TO BELIEVE IN HIS MAGIC ANYWAY, BECAUSE THEY KNEW THAT BELIEF WOULD MAKE THEM WHOLE.

IN THE END, DESPITE ALL THE LIES HE TOLD, THE WIZARD OF OZ WASN'T THE VILLAIN OF THE STORY. HE EVEN OFFERED TO HELP DOROTHY GET BACK TO KANSAS WITH HIS BALLOON.

DOROTHY MISSED THE DEPARTURE HOWEVER. BECAUSE THAT STUPID DOG OF HERS JUMPED OUT TO BARK AT A LITTLE KITTEN.

THAT'S WHY I DON'T LIKE DOGS.

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